## Kneisel Quartet Plays Beethoven, Brahms, Reger

Baker.

BY SYLVESTER RAWLING. RIE KNEISEL QUARTET gave its

fifth concert of the season at Acolian Hail last night. For once it held the local field of musical activi-ties without a rival. Not that any comretition could make a difference in the ttendance of its followers, who are drawn from the most cultivated as well as from the most fashionable music lovers in New York, any more than could the condition of the weather. That, too, happened to be propitious. A night, with the temperature moderate, helped to shatter what once was the tradition about the Knelsels that they were sure to bring rain, or snow, or high winds, or extreme cold or all of

Mr. Kneisel is an ideal programme maker as to length. He took several minutes less than an hour and thre quarters last night to present his three offerings. He began with Beethoven's beautiful first quartet in F major, opus is, which he and Mr. Letz and Mr. Svecenski and Mr. Willeke played with the artfetry that is expected of them. Next came Brahms's trio in B major for plano, violin and 'cello, in which nce Adler was the assisting artist to Mr. Kneisel and Mr. Willeke. charm of it was irresistible. Its suave melody and pervasive grace, especially in the adagio, fairly aroused the audience from its customary reserve. Mr. Adler with a suggestion serve. Mr. Adler, with a suggestion of making the piano part too prominent. movements from Reger's quartet in E flat major, the larghetto and the allegro, came at the end. They suffered in appreciation after the speil of Brahma's work, but they were well worth hearing and they were played admirably.

YSAYE AND GANZ JOIN

TO GIVE FINE RECITAL.
Eugene Ysaye, the violinist, and Rudolph Gans, the planist, gave a joint recital at Carnegie Hail yesterday afternood to the delight of a large aufitted admirably into the ensemble. Two

to the delight of a large aulence, Mr. Ganz ranks with the best planists of the day and always he plays FRECKLES is a creature of moods. Sometimes he preoccupied; of a lesser artist it might be said, careless. But, Ysaye at his best is a Colossus of the violin. He stands alone. He has no rival. And it was at his best, or very nearly at his power and a fascination that simply

Together the two artists exploite rahms's second sonata in A major and Beethoven's "Kreutzer" sonuta, opus ti, with fine musicianship and a subordination and blending of the two instruments that was perfect. Alone Mr. Gens played Bach's variations on a theme (Welnen Klagen) and Mr. Ysaye played Chausson's poem, dedicated to him, and Saint-Saens's "Havanaise." Each was forced to add extra numbers. It was twenty-five minutes past 5 when the last movement of the "Kreutzer" the last movement of the "Kreutzer" Get an ounce from any of the Riker-sonata was ended and for six minutes.

After the audience remained to applaud Money back if it fails.

and bring the players to the front of the stage in acknowledgment. Even then the more enthusiastic would not cease their noise-making. It took two minutes more, the ostentatious closing of the plane by an attendant and the turning down of the lights to drive them

Isn't it about time that New York mu-sic lovers should awake to the fact that such an exhibition is in bad taste and an unwarantable infliction upon artists?

### NOTES OF THE THEATRES.

Mrs. George Cornwallis West, who was Jennie Jerome of this city and ther Lady Randolph Churchill, has written a suffrage play, "The Bill." It will be seen at Glasgow March 25.
"Her Bide of the House," by Lechmer

Worrall and Miss Atte Hall, put on at the Aldwych, London, jast night, is poorly received by the critics.

Mary Keener, who appeared in Pin-ero's "Benefit of the Doubt" last week, will play the title role in "Norsh," a new playlet by Rachel Crothers to be given by the Empire Dramatic School at the Empire to-morrow afternoon.
"Her Winning Way," by Martha Mor-

ton, will be produced at the Walderf-Astoria Saturday evening at the benefit of the Junior League of Sydenham Hos-

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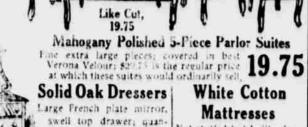
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